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SUBJECT: CSCE DEVELOPMENTS -- JULY 2

1. FOLLOWING IS STATUS REPORT ON CSCE DEVELOPMENTS TO NOON, JULY 2.

2. TIMING. DURING JULY 2 COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING, THE SOVIETS ONCE MORE PRESSED HARD FOR AGREEMENT ON LATE JULY SUMMIT, BUT FAILED TO OVERCOME FIRM INSISTANCE OF ALLIED AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS ON RESOLUTION OF KEY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. FRANCE HAS BEGUN TO TEST IDEA OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THIS WEEK TO CONVENE STAGE III ON JULY 28, ON CONDITION THAT CONSENSUS WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MID-JULY -- I.E. APPROXIMATELY JULY 14. MEANWHILE, FINNS ARE RUMORED TO HAVE STARTED PREPARATIONS FOR STAGE III MEETING DURING WEEK OF JULY 28, DESPITE LACK OF CONSENSUS AT GENEVA.

3. CBMS. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN UK AMBASSADOR HILDYARD, AS NATO CAUCUS LEADER, AND SOVIETS ON NARROWING DIFFERENCES OVER AREA OF NOTIFICATION. NEITHER SIDE WISHES TO CALL FOR A MEETING, SINCE TO DO SO
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IMPLIES READINESS TO PRESENT A NEW POSITION. THE TURKS

HAVE DUG IN THEIR HEELS TO DEMAND EXCEPTIONS ON MAN-EUVERS CBM NOTIFICATION ZONES, AND THEIR POSITION -- ALTHOUGH COMPLETELY UNTENABLE -- POSES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOR ALL SIDES.

4. BASKET 3. ALL HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION TEXTS ARE "FULLY AGREED" AND READY FOR REGISTRATION. ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION, PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE REMAINS INABILITY TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES OVER WORDING OF TEXT ON RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES. PROSPECT IS GOOD FOR REGISTRATION OF ALL BASKET 3 TEXTS VERY SOON.

5. FOLLOW-UP. ALTHOUGH VIRTUALLY ALL DELEGATIONS SUPPORT SWEDISH FOLLOW-UP TEXT AS BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS, FRENCH HAVE ATTEMPTED, WITHOUT SUCCESS, TO PRODUCE COUNTERDRAFT. THE FRENCH BALK PARTICULARLY AT SWEDISH REFERENCE TO THE WORD "MEETINGS" -- WHICH PARIS ARGUES IMPLIES COMMITMENT TO MORE THAN ONE MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AFTER STAGE III. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, A FINAL COMPROMISE ALONG LINES OF SWEDISH TEXT IS WIDELY ANTICIPATED. INGERSOLL

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